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Duxbury Clipper

Habitat Accepting Applications

This fall, South Shore Habitat for Humanity will begin building a three-bedroom, single-family home on Tremont Street.

Current Duxbury families who can demonstrate a severe housing need, whose income is within Habitat guidelines and who are financially qualified are encouraged to apply to purchase the home. Families with disabled members may be able to be accommodated.

The selected family will purchase the home at cost and will receive a 20-year, zero-interest financing by Habitat. The home is estimated to cost \$60,000-65,000. The Habitat mortgage principal payment will be about \$260 per month. The homeowners will also be responsible for paying property taxes, insurance and home upkeep. South Shore Habitat will use the principal payments to finance future home construction or renovations for other families with housing needs in the South Shore area.

The selected family must invest "sweat equity" time in

their home. The required 500 sweat equity hours can be accumulated by working along with other volunteers on construction, landscaping, site clean-up, fundraising and other tasks. Sweat equity hours can be accumulated by any family member; no construction skills are necessary. Most construction work takes place on Saturdays.

Applications will be accepted only from current Duxbury residents who have lived in Duxbury for at least one year.

Prospective homeowners will be required to attend an informational meeting to learn about the project. Application

forms will be available only to qualified applicants at this meeting. Three meetings have been scheduled at Holy Family Church as follows: Wednesday, July 19, 9-11 am and from 7-9 pm and on Saturday, July 22, 9-11 am. Child care will be provided at all meetings.

All candidates should meet the following annual gross family income guidelines, extenuating circumstances will be considered: Family of one to three, \$19,000-\$25,000; Family of four, \$19,000-\$26,000; Family of five, \$19,000-\$28,000; family of six or more, \$19,000-\$29,000. Deadline is Friday, August 4. For information, call 781-843-9080.